

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

*To obtain a settlement of the claim of the Wyoming sufferers.*

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MAY 24, 1838.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

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*Resolution relative to the claim of the old Wyoming sufferers.*

Whereas, a memorial has been presented to the Congress of the United States, in behalf of the old Wyoming sufferers, their widows, heirs, and legal representatives, praying that Congress would grant them a tract of land, in satisfaction of their claims for losses and sufferings sustained at the hands of the common and savage enemy : And whereas, said losses and sufferings were incurred under circumstances peculiar to the Wyoming settlement, inasmuch as the two companies raised at Wyoming, in pursuance of the resolution of Congress of the twenty-third of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, for the defence of the inhabitants of said town, and parts adjacent, till further orders from Congress, were, by another resolution of the 12th December following, ordered to join General Washington with all possible expedition : thus at the same time exciting the anger of the enemy, by aid furnished the continental army, and depriving the settlement of its means of defence : And whereas, said claim is well-founded in justice and equity, and no compensation ever has been, in any way, made to those sufferers, and as there is no source, other than the Congress of the United States, to which the claimants can now look with any hope of remuneration : Therefore,

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*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the above preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

LEWIS DEWART,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

JOS. RITNER.

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